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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I'm greatly concerned about the lack of competition for Internet Service Providers as I personally felt the effects of this for many years. I was in a non-competitive market for over a decade and was forced to pay for substandard Internet service until a local gigabit fiber company was able to break into my local market and provide for an internet connection that was quite literally 10x the size of my existing one for 1/4th of the price of my old provider.

I'm fairly lucky because I live in a major city but for citizens in rural areas there are even less options available to them, which is a big challenge. Competition amongst broadband providers is subsequently critical, and it's important to be able to keep the US competitive against nations that already have a great deal of broadband providers to choose from.

In short, I urge you to consider rejecting the proposed changes that USTelecom have petitioned which would alter the ability for companies like my ISP to be able to gap the 'last mile' to provide for service. Keep broadband competitive and low cost!

Thanks and Best Regards

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